Sacrificing Picked Troops.

kild and turned the ground into a questheir patrols already had pene

of the German evacuation is proceeding with haste. The Germans are making every effort to hold out with strong rear, tard detachments while the damage they can to the city. bally to the coal mines. A very large sunt of amunition, supplies and railand materials has fallen into British

night the British breached the Hindenrg line at one place and are believed have cracked it at another. Haig's ops took the little hamlet of the Three, vages, near Gricourt, north of St. mentin. This village was part of the

Butten fought their way to the Hargi-court ridge, capturing the village of Villeret, on the southern part of the Vileret, on the southern part of the ther. This ridge, horseshoe shaped and of large extent is a position of tremen-dom strength, and hitherto the Hritish not delivered a frontal attack, bu worked around it north and south

## Germans Damage Canal.

urther indications of the cracking this line are furnished by reports from Hazebrouck that the Germans are n their hands has been destroyed, the slulees and bridges being reduced to lebris. The Great Northern Canal, unhas been bady damaged.

The German statement of to-day says that "to the ranguinary losses of the Australians must be added the loss of 475 prisoners and 15 machine guns, which have been brought in, and also 25 guns captured and remiered useless by explosion." The official statement explosion The official statements

\*French night statement: Between St. Quentin and the Oise artiflery fight-ing continued throughout the day ith of the Oise we made new prog ress on the plateau east of the line of Harisis-Quincy Basse.

Between Soissons and Rhelms, after artillery preparation which lasted sev-eral days, we stacked this morning the gerty kilometers (twenty-five miles).

A desperate battle was fought along the whole front where the enemy had krouped very immediate. krouped very important forces and nu-merous artiflery. Everywhere the yalor of our troops overcame the enexetic defence of our adversary

## of Big Victory for French.

Between Solssons and Craonne the whole German first position fell into our power. East of Craomie our troops occupied the enemy's second po-eftion south of Juvincourt. Farther to the south we carried our line as far as the outskirts of Bermer! Court and up to the Aisne Canal at Loivre and

Violent counter attacks bunched sevbral times north of Ville-au-Bois were broken down by our fire, with consid-brable losses to the enemy.

The number of prisoners made by we to the present exceeds 10 000. We likewise captured important ma-terial, which has not yet been inven-

In Champagne artillery fighting cortinued actively during the day in the various sectors. The cannonade was ermittent on the rest of the front Belgian Statement-Thera was arfighting along the whole Bei-

# Advance in Concy Forest.

French Afternoon Statement - Beween St. Quentin and the Oise we ntinued to direct a destructive fire at the defences of the Germans, who replied vizorously in the region south Quentin. South of the Oise we made further progress eastward on the plateau between Barisis and Quincy-Basse, and occupied several points of support of the enemy. Our patrols are contact with the German positions the western edge of the upper

forest of Coucy.

The artillery fighting became extremely violent during the night on the front between Soissons and Rheims. In the Champagne we easily repulsed I berive French patrols brought back

In Lorraine and in Abuce French dearations, penetrated the enemy lines at several points. In the Alsatian plain Prench detachments at six points reached the second German line and

inflicted serious losses on the enemy. Prisoners and material were brought tack. British night statement. Since the morning of April 9 we have taken over 11,000 prisoners. The captured material includes 154 guns. There is nothing of special interest

## to report. A heavy rain has again fallen throughout the afternoon. British Take Villeret.

British day statement: We appured tast night the village of Villerst, southeast of Hargloourt, and progressed northwest of Lens.

Full particulars of the booty we took at Lievin and on the Southez River are anavaliable, but the fact is established that our captures were exceedingly large, including a long range 6 inch mayal gun, man; thousand rounds of ammunition of all calibres up to 8 inch, a humber of trench mortars and great quantifies of beinde and grenades of all kinds. In addition truck loade of new tools, many lengths of trarribes, with trucks complete, and two large engineer dumps have fallen intact into our possession.

The attack at Monchy-le-Frenx on the 14th was precised by the enemy with great determination. The Third Bavarian Division, which was brought down to resist our offensive during the latter of British day statement: We cap-

down to resist our offensive during the battle of Loos in 1915 and later on took part in the fighting near ffight Wood during the Somme battle in enforce the divisions already in line inforce the divisions already in line in the state of the divisions already in the lit was ordered to retake Monchy-le-Preux at all costs. Its losses in this fruitless attack were exceptionally heavy, as has been the case with all the Bavarian trosps throughout the whole recent operation. Of the prisoners taken by us since the 5th more than one-third are Bavarians.

# The Berlin Report.

German Day Statement—On the northern bank of the River Scarpe our destructive fire kept down the British attacking waves and a storming attack could not be carried out.

could not be carried out.

Northeast of Cronsilles our fire rendered abortive a strong British attack, the enemy surering severs losses.

North of the Arrus-Cambrat road our thrusts drove the enemy back on Lagnicourt and Bourries. To the sanging touch of the Australians must

guinary losses of the Australians must be added the loss of 475 prisoners and 15 machine guns which have been brought in, and also 22 guns captured and rendered uscless by explosion. Near St. Quentin the artiflery fire spain has increased.

From Solseons to Hhelms and in the testern Champagne there was excep-tionally heavy artiflery fire and mine After the failure of enemy recon-

surance means only money.

Photographs concern the heart. PIRIE MACDONALD Photographer-of-Men 6 FIPTH AV ( COR 47 TH ST.

# Where the French Hit the Line.



Map of the western front from the North Sea to Rheims, showing the big French offensive begun yesterday in cooperation with the British is near at hand drive. Black line is the British front, broken line the French front. Arrow 1 indicates Lens, northern limit of British drive, which the

Germans held only with rear guards.

Arrow 2 indicates St. Quentin, now practically surrounded by British

and French. The British are reported to have broken the Hindenburg line to-day northwest of the city in a new place.

Arrows 3, 4 and 5 indicate the French offensive on a twenty-five mile front from east of Soissons to north of Rheims. Arrow 3 indicates region where French have captu dethe entire German first line on a fifteen mile front. Arrow 4 indicates region where the second line as well as the first has been captured on a smaller front. Arrow 5 indicates other

gains of the French offensive. Hindenburg line joins the old German line east of Soissons and the French are smashing this junction as well as driving at Laon.

fighting developed this morning over

BERLIN EXPLAINS.

Says All German Lines in France

Are Hindenburg Lines. AMSTREAM, via London, April 16.—
is asserted in a dispatch received
re-from Berlin that various villages in the Arras region which the British of-ficial statement of April 14 reported cartured, were villages and pleces of ground which the Germans had voluntarily evacuated several days previously.

'The English press,' mays the dispatch, 'is circulating reports regarding the piercing of the Hindenburg line. The

English attempt to break through directed, however, against old posts held since 1915, and despite local suc-cesses it has completely and finally failed for the soul clear what the English press

mean by the Hindenburg line, for all lines are Hindenburg lines

# VIMY VICTORY COSTLY.

til last night between 5,000 and 6,000, publicans—nine against conscription Three bundred and thirty Canadian offi- Fields, Kentucky, Democrat, vo

The Canadian casualty list given out On this best. latter dominating to-day includes the following Agrericans:

Killed in action—Frank Rémington, the vote would be 10 to 10, 1273 McClennan avenue, Detroit, Mich Severely wounded—William Livesy Pielus, the Kentucky Democrat who Dodd, 201 Baldburn avenue, Detroit: to the Kentucky Democrat who Dodd, 201 Baldburn avenue, Detroit: to the Kentucky Democrat who be in Raiph Joseph Reiger, 118 West Seventy-favor of conscription if the policy shall be extended to include all males of military age.

Seriously wounded—Homer Hamilton Knoll, Chine, Cal. Port Meacle, Fla.

# FIGHT STARTED TO

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KILL CONSCRIPTION

scription, as far as the exigencies of the service permit, shall be held in territorial divisions and the militia organizations already subject to Federal draft shall not lose their individ-

Should it be necessary to abandon hope of a unanimous report in favor of the Administration's military plan, it is believed that with these concessions conscription would be saved. On a test rote in the committee to-day the align

ment was as follows:

For the conscription plan, Giney of Massachusetts, Harrison of Virginia, Lunn of New Jersey, Democrats; Kahn of California, McKenzie of Illinois. Greene of Vermont, Tillson of Connecti-cut, and Crago of Pennsylvania, Republicane- eight in favor of conscription. OTTAWA, April 16 —Estimates of Canassissippi; Gordon, Ohio; Shallenberger, dian losses around Viny, based on good Nebraska: Caldwell, New York: Wise, authority, place the casualities from the Georgia; Garret, Texas; Democrats, and commencement of the Vimy offensive un. Anthony, Kansas, and Hull, Iowa; Re-

cers fell last week on Vimy Ridge, ac- "present;" Nicholis, South Carolina, cording to the information. The totals Democrat, and Morin of Pennsylvania, include killed and wounded, with the Republican, and an unnamed Republican.

On this basis, continuing to count Chairman Dent as against the conscrip-

in connection with the fight over connoti, Chine, Cal.

Died of wounds—Griffith E Dudley, scription, it is interesting to note that four members of the committee, and only four, had experience in the volunteer of the Stanish American war. Mexico Cery, April 16.—A decree, issued to-night puts a stump tax of 10 per cent, ad valorem on crude oil and fuel oil from the Mexican fields. The value is to be fixed on the basis of oil of a specific gravity of 21, with a decrees in value for oil of greater density and in increase for less density.

If our, had experience in the volunteer system in the Spanish American war. These members, Greene, a captain; These members, a captain; These members, Greene, a captain; These me

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# SUPREME TEST OF WAR BEING MADE

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GERMANS ARE TRAPPED

Allies Fire Hundred Rounds a Man While Foes Attack Their Own Wires.

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, pecially north of the "rolled up" portion April 16.—With the hot flames of war of the Hindenburg line the Germans are April 16.—With the hot flames of war raging along the entire western front. British and French alike, it can be stated that each detail of the offensive plans has been worked out at prolonged conferences between Gen. Neville and conferences between Gen. Neville and the warfare might become open that the warfare might become open again. Pield Marshal Haig and the war coun- again.

The part. In fishting these retarding actions the part. Field Marshal Haig and the war councils of France and England. The part to be played by each belligerent has been definitely agreed upon, and a schedule has been arranged us for one great co-bas been arranged us for constant the character of the troops as they did during the rear guard engagements in the recent retirement on the best possible for these engagements is considered the best evidence of the imporsidered the best evidence of the imporsion on the Jebel Hamrin hills the

own enterprises.

## Prepared as Never Before.

The whole struggle in the wester, Allies are prepared as never before both in material and personnel and are co-operating with a smoothness which omes from a complete understanding and therough appreciation of the work i

The Germans have more divisions on he western front than would have been ihought possible a year ago, and how-ever much of an "easterner" Field Mar-shal von Hindenburg may have been in the past he will have to devote his en-tire time and attention to westerevents for some weeks to come.

Already half a score of Germany's best divisions have been smashed to pleces by the British onslaught and then Bavarian divisions were sacrificed first. out the Prussian Guard divisions, thrown been suffering such casualties in the past days that they will have to be relarge contingent of grenadiers in the fighting about the Peimple, while yesterday's affair at Lagnicourt took in from five German Guard regiments.

# Trapped by Their Own Wires.

It will ever he one of the most striking pictures of this war the rout of the Germans at Lagnicourt after what they believed to have been a successful at-tack. Running for their own trenches, which were part of the famed Hindenburg line, they were trapped by the



You never can tell! The other day a customer somewhat carelessly attired inquired for an overcoat and in the hands of a careful salesman selected three quite expensive garments for himself and sons. Then he told this story:

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After relating the incident the customer asked the salesman, "How will you know that my check is good for this considerable bill?" "That's up to the office, my job is to sell the goods," was the reply.

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parbed wire entanglements which had been built with such great strength and thickness in front of them. The boast of the Hindenburg line has been its belts of protective wire. Caught within the meshes of this wire, the German guards-men screamed madly for help and guid-

ance. Some, like trapped rabbits, scura full 100 rounds.

While this was going on, the British while this was going on, the British field guns came into play with a shrap-nel barrage, which completed the demoli-tion of the entrapped enemy. It was lit-tle wonder that later 1,500 German dead

Ing heavy losses to the enemy."

The prisoners taken in the southern tack unless they outnumber the British parts of the line had heard nothing of three or four to one. A single German could be counted or that 400 guardsmen surrendered with upheld hands and emo-tional cries of "Kamerad!" oners. A certain Irish regiment fighting Everywhere they have been pushed back from the British front, and es-

were thousands of rounds of ammunition. British gun crews were rushed up
to man these weapons, which were
turned around in their own pits, thus
forming British gunnery outposts while
their own guns were moving forward.

Mines Being Destroyed.

Were thousands of rounds of ammunition. Germans heid out there for two days
after the Arras battle opened, and have
launched half a score of counter attacks against it without success. The
place lends itself to counter attacks
because of outlying woods where
troops ordinarily could assemble unobtroops ordinarily could assemble unobtroops ordinarily could assemble unobtroops ordinarily could assemble and afterbecause of outlying woods where troops ordinarily could assemble unob-served. There were morning and after-

Explosions continue within Lens and the outlying mine districts, and there seems little doubt that the mines certainly will be destroyed as far as possible. Lens Cathedral was still standing to-day, apparently little dumaged. Fires were still seen within the German lines.

About St. Quentin, at the southern point of British activity, there has been hard fighting, much of it being hand to hand. As one officer expressed it, "Our men got in well with the bayonet, causing heavy losses to the enems."

The prisoners taken in the southern parts of the line had heard nothing of

the Arras fight, except that a British at-tack was somewhere crushed and that the Germans had taken hundreds of pris-ers."

machine is seldom sighted. They have come to be known as "gang air fight in the vicinity of Lens has during a breathing spell taken pains to inform the enemy of the results at Arras. Some of the adventurous spirits planted boards in No Man's Land a few nights ago say-ing, "We took 2,000 Huns yesterday." The Germans endesyored all next day

TURKS DRIVEN BACK IN SIX DAY BATTLE

They Again Retire to Hills Be-

London April 16.-The British in alone. to the Line with the Canadians would clear Turkish forces which made an advance where the Turks have been making tight

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British along the left bank of the Fgr toward the Diala and a sandraws of the Turks from various points. The d.

layed portion of the control of the ceived to-night says:
"Gen. Maude's forces commune to drive back the Turkish troops during to drive back the Turkish troops during to the ceighty prisoners. 13th, making eighty prisoners Tree great heat rendered the task of seeping in touch with the retreating enemy difficult. No respite was allowed the Turks however, and on the 15th Gen. Mande reported that they were back in their positions in the Jebel Hamrin hills whence they started on the 2th,
"The Thirteenth Turkish Army Corps

which was the force engaged operations, has suffered very severe losses. Three hundred and dive dead and not 200, as was previously store

The Jebel Hamrin hills are situated



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